The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Joseph Tschirgi Personal Papers
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Title: Joseph Mathew Tschirgi Personal Papers
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Abstract: Joseph Mathew Tschirgi served in the Army Air Corps and was later was involved in the development of Rockets and Missiles.

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The materials in this Collection were donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Biographical / Historical
Joseph Mathew Tschirgi was born April 24, 1922 to Harold Magnus Tschirgi and Blossom Bissel Tschirgi in Independence, Iowa. He served in the Army Air Corps as a weather officer from March 1943 to March 1946, and attended the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he received his M.S. in Engineering in June 1950. On July 12, 1952, he married Francis Elizabeth Platt. Upon graduation from Ann Arbor, he entered his career as an Aerodynamicist with McDonnell Douglas, and by December 1962, was Chief Engineer in the Aerospace Systems Engineering Department, Missile & Space Systems Division where he directed all engineering activities on such projects as the Thor, Delta, and Genie Systems Engineering. From the late 1960s to early 1970s, he was Dept. Head, Director, and Program Manager for various projects focused on launch vehicle engineering and specialized spacecraft for post Apollo missions. Mr. Tschirgi died on June 7, 2006 in Escondido, CA.

Scope and Contents
The collection contains some personnel correspondence from McDonnell Douglas; résumé; paper titled, "A Rationale for Manned Planetary Explorations; employee rosters; company newsletter clippings; desk nameplate; Space Systems Center Dedication Ceremony brochure; and approximately 24 photographs.

Related Materials
Space Subject Files Rocket Subject Files
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Saturn Rocket
Thor (Missile)
Sparrow (Missile)
United States. Army. Air Corps
United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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